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## **VA medical center and clinics remain open on December 5, 2018**

NEW ORLEANS – By Executive Order of President Donald Trump, the federal government will be closed on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 as a mark of respect for the 41<sup>st</sup> president of the United States, George H.W. Bush.

While some Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System administrative offices may have limited staffing, patient care services, including scheduled clinic appointments, hospitalizations, surgeries and the emergency room will continue without interruption on December 5, 2018 to ensure veterans have timely access to health care in honor and remembrance of the former president's valor and heroic service to our country.

Veterans with questions or health care concerns should contact their patient-aligned care teams, or call 1-800-935-8387.

For more information about the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website [www.neworleans.va.gov](http://www.neworleans.va.gov), visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans](https://www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans) Twitter at [www.twitter.com/vaneworleans](https://www.twitter.com/vaneworleans) or Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/vaneworleans/>.

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